(c) whether the present system to control discharge in toilets installed in a couple of Rajdhani trains is costlier than the proposed one; and

(d) whether the old system would also be replaced by new ones in all Rajdhani trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Gauge conversion/laying of new rail lines in Chhattisgarh

†409. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of many projects on gauge conversion/laying of new rail tracks in Chhattisgarh approved already by Government is going on with a very slow pace due to the lack of adequate budget provision;

(b) whether these projects have been approved many years back by Government;

(c) whether his Ministry is taking steps to make the budget provision adequately in order to complete the ongoing works of laying of new lines and gauge conversion early;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) At present there is no sanctioned gauge conversion project in Chhattisgarh. There are only two sanctioned new line projects, *viz.*, Bishrampur-Ambikapur and Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur, in the State. The work of Bishrampur-Ambikapur new line is likely to be completed during 2005-06. The work of Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur new line has not yet been taken up as the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has not yet deposited the funds for construction of the first phase of this new line, *viz.*, Dallirajahara-Rowghat, for want of necessary forestry clearance.

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